

Department of the Army to clarify the jurisdictional boundaries of the Clean Water Act. The rule, which is a product of extensive public involvement and years of work, is critical to our efforts to protect the Nation's waters and keep them clean; is responsive to calls for rulemaking from the Congress, industry, and community stakeholders; and is consistent with decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

We must protect the waters that are vital for the health of our communities and the success of our businesses, agriculture, and energy development. As I have noted before, too many of our waters have been left vulnerable. Pollution from upstream sources ends up in the rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and coastal waters near which most Americans live and on which they depend for their drinking water, recreation, and economic development. Clarifying the scope of the Clean Water Act helps to protect these resources and safeguard public health. Because this resolution seeks to block the progress represented by this rule and deny businesses and communities the regulatory certainty and clarity needed to invest in projects that rely on clean water, I cannot support it. I am therefore vetoing this resolution.

BARACK OBAMA.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 19, 2016.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following joint resolution was read the first time:

S.J. Res. 29. Joint resolution to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant and its associated forces.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4129. A communication from the Administrator, Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants" (RIN0575-AD02) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4130. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), transmitting proposed legislation entitled "Military Justice Act of 2016"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4131. A communication from the Assistant Director, Senior Executive Management Office, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Energy, Installations, and Environment), Department of Defense, received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4132. A communication from the Director of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant

to law, the report of a rule entitled "Removal of Transferred OTS Regulations Regarding Management Official Interlocks and Amendments to FDIC's Rules and Regulations" (RIN3064-AE20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 12, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4133. A communication from the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Members of Federal Home Loan Banks" (RIN2590-AA39) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4134. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4135. A communication from the Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suspension of Community Eligibility" ((44 CFR Part 64) (Docket No. FEMA-2015-0001)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-4136. A communication from the Regulatory Liaison, Office of Natural Resources Revenue, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Allocation and Disbursement of Royalties, Rentals, and Bonuses—Oil and Gas, Offshore" (RIN1012-AA11) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4137. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerated Bottled or Canned Beverage Vending Machines" ((RIN1904-AD00) (Docket No. EERE-2013-BT-STD-0022)) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 13, 2016; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4138. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "Report to the Congress: 2015 Compact Impact Analysis" and "Impact of the Compacts of Free Association on Guam FY (Fiscal Year) 2004 through FY 2014"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-4139. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Charleston Harbor Post-45 project in Charleston, South Carolina; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4140. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Leon Creek Watershed, San Antonio, Texas; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4141. A communication from the Chief of the Branch of Recovery and State Grants,

Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of the Modoc Sucker from the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife" (RIN1018-AY78) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4142. A communication from the Chief of the Foreign Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Two Lion Subspecies" (RIN1018-BA29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4143. A communication from the Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removal of *Frankenia johnstonii* (Johnston's frankenia) From the Federal List of Endangered and Threatened Plants" (RIN1018-AH53) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4144. A communication from the Chief of the Aquatic Invasive Species Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Injurious Wildlife Species; Listing Salamanders Due to Risk of Salamander Chytrid Fungus" (RIN1018-BA77) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 14, 2016; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-4145. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure: Update of CC: International No-Rule Revenue Procedure 2015-7" (Rev. Proc. 2016-7) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4146. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2016-5" (Rev. Proc. 2016-5) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4147. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revenue Procedure 2016-3" (Rev. Proc. 2016-3) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4148. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the Employee Plans Determination Letter Program Regarding Cycle A Elections, Determination Letter Expiration Dates, and Extension of Deadlines for Certain Defined Contribution Pre-Approved Plans" (Notice 2016-03) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 15, 2016; to the Committee on Finance.